# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS March 04, 2011

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, March 04, 2011, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

# **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair Patricia Harwell, MFT, Vice-Chair William Quarterman, LPC Will Bacon, MFT Jan Ligon, CSW Ben Marion, CSW, MFT Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member Jack Perryman, LPC

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor Sandy Stembridge, Licensure Analyst Dianne Patterson, Administrative Assistant Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

#### **GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA Sue Fort, Executive Director, NASW

Bonnie Barker, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

#### **Liaison Report:**

The Liaison Report was presented to the Board by Ms. Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA.

#### **Minutes:**

Harwell motioned, Quarterman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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#### **Executive Director's Report:**

1. Mr. Zimmerman reported to the Board that moving the open session items to the start of the meeting is working well; all interviews will be scheduled for 11:00 a.m. or later.

- 2. Mr. Zimmerman encouraged all Board members to utilize the Board's shared website (epiware) between meetings in order to process Board business more efficiently during scheduled meeting dates.
- 3. Mr. Zimmerman requested all members continue to review the Board's rules for any suggested amendments and/or revisions.
- 4. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed an "Endorsement Application" with the Board. Currently, only LPC's and MFT's can apply by endorsement for licensure in Georgia.
  - a. Pat Harwell, MFT Board Member stated she would review the Endorsement Application for any required revisions. Topic item will be addressed at a later date and time.
- 5. Mr. Zimmerman explained to the Board that currently the directive remains for no Board meetings to be held during the month of June.

Bacon motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **Rule Discussion:**

Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

After an in-depth discussion, Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to post Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements as amended, upon the receipt of the memo of authority from Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Correspondences:**

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

Tracy Alvord, Beth Finnegan, J&K Seminars, Jeff Jones, and Phillip Conklin

Harwell motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

## **Petition(s) for Waiver/Variance Requests:**

1. M. Virginia Jackson, Hinesville, GA-Rule 135-5-.04 Requirements for Licensure

Ligon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to deny the waiver request. Licensee must obtain 30 additional hours in supervision documented on Form C. Upon receipt of the required 30-hrs, Board will administratively approve licensee to sit for exam. None opposed, motion carried.

2. Janet Bradberry, Roswell, GA-Variance Request-Rule 135-3-.03(2)

Ligon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to grant the waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

3. Pamela Keith-Pack, Decatur, GA -Rule135-9-.01-Continuing Education Requirements

Bacon motioned, Harwell seconded and the Board voted to deny the waiver request due to insufficient evidence submitted to prove a hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Ligon motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Harwell, Quarterman, Ligon, Marion, Bacon, and Mixon.

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following <u>Marriage & Family Therapists</u> applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

#### ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST – CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT:

1.	Chapman, Kristin	Contract changes approved
2.	Jones, Porsha	Contract changes approved
3.	Wheeler, Jessica	Contract changes approved

#### ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION:

1.	L.B.	Approved to sit for exam
2.	S.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3.	Y.K.K.	Approved to sit for exam
4.	E.M.	Approved to sit for exam

5. M.W. Pending the receipt of additional information

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

1.	Hinton, Mattnew	Approved for licensure
2.	K.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3.	Pratt, Kristine	Approved for licensure
4.	Torrell, Deborah	Approved for licensure

Quarterman motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Professional Counselors applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BY EXAM:

1.	B.B.	Approved to sit for exam
2.	T.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3.	R.C.	Approved to sit for exam
4.	V.C.	Approved to sit for exam
5.	D.D.	Approved to sit for exam
6.	N.F.	Approved to sit for exam
7.	B.L.G.	Pending the receipt of additional information

8. C.J. Approved to sit for exam

9. A.K. Pending the receipt of additional information

10. M.M. Approved to sit for exam
11. T.M. Approved to sit for exam
12. M.O. Approved to sit for exam
13. A.O.G. Approved to sit for exam
14. T.S. Approved to sit for exam

#### ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Alexander, Lauren Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 2. Baker, Lauren Approved for licensure 3. Barker, Audrey 4. Brookings, Sarah Approved for licensure 5. Burgette, Rebekah Approved for licensure 6. Coleman, Jennifer Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 7. Daniels, Natasha 8. Edu, Samantha Approved for licensure 9. Egan, Robert Approved for licensure 10. Garcia, Toni Approved for licensure 11. Hawkins, Denise Approved for licensure 12. Hunt, Dineisha Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 13. Ibeabuchi, Adaobi 14. Jackson, Constance Approved for licensure 15. Law, Christen Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 16. Main, Mariann 17. Montgomery, Krishawna Approved for licensure 18. Odister, Kristi Approved for licensure 19. Patterson-Smith, Dionne Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 20. Ramlochan, Anela 21. Regan, Ashley Approved for licensure 22. Schwartz, Lauren Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 23. Shub, Amanda 24. J.S. Approved pending the receipt of additional information Approved for licensure 25. Smith, Taschovia Approved for licensure 26. Stephenson, Tremaine Approved for licensure 27. Stolte, Mary

Approved for licensure

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR - CONTRACT CHANGES:

1. Arnold, Candice Contract changes approved 2. Brown, Sarah Contract changes approved Contract changes approved 3. Cleveland, Amber 4. Heinzle, Erika Contract changes approved 5. Hopkins, Jesse Contract changes approved 6. Humes, Damaris Contract changes approved 7. Marks, Amanda Contract changes approved Contract changes approved 8. Marshall, Susan Contract changes approved 9. Rollins, Gina

28. Wilkinson, Morgan

#### LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BY EXAM:

C.A. Approved to sit for exam
 J.B. Approved to sit for exam
 T.C. Pending the receipt of additional information
 J.D. Pending the receipt of additional information
 T.F. Denied. Insufficient documentation of supervision
 M.F. Pending the receipt of additional information
 A.P. Pending the receipt of additional information

8. W.T.-Applicant must re-apply for licensure. Parts 1-5 from the previously submitted application will be accepted by the Board. Applicant must document her employment history or internship from 2006 to current.

#### LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Bailey, Lynda Approved for licensure
 Black, Naomi Approved for licensure
 Brackett, Anita Approved for licensure
 Bryant, Angel Approved for licensure

5. P.C. Pending the receipt of additional information

6. Dotschay, Daryl Approved for licensure

7. L.G. Pending the receipt of additional information

8. Hyland, Sabrina Approved for licensure

9. J.H. Pending the receipt of additional information 10. R.K. Pending the receipt of additional information

11. Kitashima, Rosemary
 12. Noble, Christina
 13. Overdorff, Jeffrey
 Approved for licensure
 Approved for licensure

14. S.P. Pending the receipt of additional information

15. Reed, Shelley Approved for licensure
 16. Reese, April Approved for licensure
 17. Stubbs, Dianne Approved for licensure

18. T.T. Pending the receipt of additional information

19. Tovar-Murillo, Lucy
 20. Walker-Searles, Jewel
 21. Williams, Christie
 Approved for licensure
 Approved for licensure

## LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. Jackson, Edna Approved for licensure

#### LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATMENT:

S.B. Approved to sit for exam
 O'Cain, Peggy Approved for licensure

Marion motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following <u>Social Workers</u> applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

# **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:**

1. M.A.O.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2. A.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. V.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
4. Y.C.	Approved to sit for exam
5. J.D.	Approved to sit for exam
6. A.D.	Approved to sit for exam
7. F.E.	Pending the receipt of additional information
8. M.G.	Approved to sit for exam
9. N.G.	Approved to sit for exam
10. A.H.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. T.H.	Approved to sit for exam
12. L.H.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. J.L.	Approved to sit for exam
14. F.L.	Approved to sit for exam
15. S.A.L.	Approved to sit for exam
16. K.M.	Approved to sit for exam
17. R.O.	Approved to sit for exam
18. D.P.	Pending the receipt of additional information
19. F.Q.	Approved to sit for exam
20. C.O.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
21. A.S.	Approved to sit for exam
22. M.S.	Approved to sit for exam
23. M.S.	Approved to sit for exam
24. M.T.	Approved to sit for exam
25. M.W.	Approved to sit for exam

26. R.K. Bacon motioned, Quarterman seconded, and the Board voted to deny the applicant's request. Applicant must re-apply for licensure under the current requirements. None opposed, motion carried.

# CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1.	M.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2.	Chiaramonte, Michelle	Approved for licensure
3.	Ewing, Carolyn	Approved for licensure
4.	Higginbottom, Clara	Approved for licensure
5.	L.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
6.	Logan, Adrenne	Approved for licensure
7.	A.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
8.	Prince, Zuleika	Approved for licensure
9.	Roland, Cordella	Approved for licensure
10.	Sutton, Penni	Approved for licensure
11.	Tacey-Suarez, Tammy	Approved for licensure
12.	Tham, Cheree	Approved for licensure

# **CLINICAL SOCIAL WOKER-EXTENSTION REQUESTS:**

Davis-Johnson, Debra
 Warren, Joseph
 Approved. File extended to September 30, 2011.
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#### MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. I.A. Approved to sit for exam 2. J.B. Approved to sit for exam 3. K.C. Pending the receipt of additional information 4. R.C. Approved to sit for exam 5. A.C. Approved to sit for exam 6. M.F. Pending the receipt of additional information 7. Y.G. Approved to sit for exam 8. J.G. Approved to sit for exam 9. E.G. Approved to sit for exam 10. M.H. Approved to sit for exam 11. T.J. Approved to sit for exam 12. S.K. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 13. C.L. 14. C.L. Approved to sit for exam 15. L.L. Approved to sit for exam 16. A.L. Approved to sit for exam 17. S.O. Approved to sit for exam 18. F.R. Approved to sit for exam 19. T.S. Approved to sit for exam 20. B.S. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 21. M.T. 22. R.W. Approved to sit for exam

#### MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

W.J.C. Pending the receipt of additional information
 J.C. Approved pending the receipt of additional information
 Jones, Nisha Approved for licensure
 Miracle, Amber Approved for licensure
 Norris, Allyson Approved for licensure
 Steckelberg, Kelly Approved for licensure
 Tacke, Amber Approved for licensure

# MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM- REACTIVATION REQUEST(S):

1. Squier, Shea Approved for licensure

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

# **Complaint Cases Closed:**

 COMP100010, COMP100089, COMP110011, COMP110013, COMP110028, COMP110030, COMP110035, COMP110041, COMP110042, COMP110043,

# COMP110044, COMP110046, COMP110052, COMP110055, COMP110064, COMP110066, COMP110069, and COMP110070

Harwell motioned, Quarterman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, one recues, motion carried.

## **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

Russell K. Owens, LPC004996- Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public consent order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Bacon motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director	
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These minutes were signed and approved on: <u>04-01-2011</u>